(ङ) आरक्षण की सुविधा कब तक उपलब्ध करा दी जायेगी?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) टिकटों की बिक्री बहुत कम है जिससे आरक्षण कोटे के आबंटन औचित्य नहीं बनता है।

(ग) जी नहीं।

(घ) और (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Leasing of Railway Land for Resource Mobilisation

3777. DR. MOHAN BASU: Will the Minister of RIILWAYS pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have decided to lease out the lands owned by them for mobilisation of resources;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the estimated annual income likely to accrue to the railway's from this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Pending Cases against Railways under the Consumer (Protection) Act

3778. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending under the Consumer (Protection) Act against the Railways;

(b) whether the Railways have identified those responsible for providing deficient or negligent service and recovered the damages paid by the Railways on the verdict of the consumer court; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) The total number of cases pending against the Railways under the Consumer (Protection) Act is 2967.

(b) Yes, practice already exists to identify the staff responsible for providing deficient/negligent service and steps taken to recover damages paid by the Railways on the verdict of Consumer Courts, wherever justified.

(c) A sum of about Rs. 1,00,000/- has been recovered from the staff held responsible for providing deficient/ negligent services.

Declaration of 1997 as 'TB control year' in Railways

3779. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have declared 1997 as 'TB control year' in the Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the railway hospitals which are proposed for providing specialised treatment of the disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the year activities directed at reduction in default rate in treatment, case detection drives and intensive education of Railway population on tuberculosis would be undertaken on all Railways.

(c) 68 chest clinics situated mainly in the divisional and Zonal Railway Hospitals provide treatment of tuberculosis.

Refund Claims pending settlement in Divisional Railway Offices in Gujarat

3780. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of refund claims pending settlement at the Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Rajkot and Bhavnagar Divisional Railway Offices and break-up of the pendency of the said claims;

(b) the time-limit fixed for settlement of the claims;